GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4047
ANSWERED ON:18.08.2000
WITHDRAWAL OF KEROSENE SUBSIDY
R.L. JALAPPA

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under consideration of the Government to withdraw kerosene subsidy from 2001;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government have received any representation from Karnataka Distributorsagainst the withdrawal of the kerosene subsidy;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) the action taken by the Government thereon?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI CHAUHAN)

(a) & (b): The Government in November,1997 had decided to dismantle the Administered Pricing Mechanism (APM) in the petroleum sector in a phased manner. As per the decision, the ex-storage point price for consumers of PDS Kerosene is required to be increased by 20% in the year 2000-01 and suitable adjustment in prices are required to be made during 2001-02 to reach subsidy level at 33.33% of the import parity price.

(c) : No, Sir.

(d) & (e): Do not arise.